

TODAY'S MYSTERY STORY

By PHILIP FRANCIS SOWLAN

IN THE case of "By Telephone," Harvey Hunt had these facts to go on: He knew from Jerry Vanner's criminal record that (1) he always worked alone; (2) he was very careful in planning the details of his schemes; (3) he was most successful in avoiding recognition, and went almost wherever he chose.

Hence he argued that Vanner's wanting to communicate with the police, as every person leaving their apartment would be followed, was but a ruse to make them limit themselves to some mode of communication other than that of running a personal call or talking to neighbors or a detective agent, and of sending out to post a letter, in case they did not "fall" by his ruse.

Vanner was playing it safe, as he could, if they were not searched into paying the money at once he intended to skip and leave no trail behind him.

There is only one means by which a person normally can communicate with those outside his house, without being self going out—the telephone. Vanner must have wanted them to use the telephone in the event that they did resist his demand. Why? That he might be warned, it followed then that he had tapped their wire. The only place he could do this was somewhere between their phone and the switchboard, or on the switchboard in short, from some point within the apartment house.

How could he do this? He was Vanner, had received Vanner's message to himself, and would be preparing to do so at once. Hence his haste to the only place where he could expect to find the man "plugging a lone hand."

Can you solve this mystery?

Brown's Occupation

"I'm a detective," admitted Harvey Hunt, "this observation is the one faculty in which the detective must excel, but it must be supplemented by the ability to see cause through effect, and also by the ability to draw conclusions from only the significant facts."

"You know, an efficient memory depends more on that selective ability than on extraordinary memorizing capacity. The useful memory is useful because 100 per cent of its capacity is devoted to useful facts. Its owner carefully excludes the great mass of things irrelevant to his purpose."

"I have to laugh every time I think of the great Sherlock Holmes, spending his Dr. Watson for not having observed the number of steps in the stairs leading to their famous quarters on Baker street. As a matter of fact, I can't imagine any method by which the great Sherlock could have handled his observation that by devoting it to such a useless fact—unless, of course, the knowledge would have had some bearing on a case he was handling. But it's silly to quarrel with a fiction character. Enough of that. What is this problem of deduction that has you puzzled?"

"How did you know that was me?" DeKane looked startled. "Hunt laughed aloud. 'My dear Bob,' he said, 'you seem determined to play Dr. Watson to my Sherlock. You're from seeing how I deduce that is responsible. You are pronounced. Also you have been quizzing me on the mental processes of trying to find out who the guilty one is. Well, I'm not jealous, Harvey. You know Martha Stodway and I had an understanding over a year ago. There's no hope for her here. But I don't believe Mary is going to be helped with Warren Brown. Instinctively I suspect the fellow. Martha's father feels the same way about it. A couple of days ago he told me that he had asked me to find out what I could about him."

"And what did you find?" asked Hunt. "Nothing," replied DeKane. "Brown, of course, belongs to the club. He's a good mixer, a good talker, but he never talks about himself. He's got a way of knowing everything about his own people. Somebody asked him once and got inspired for his talk. But there's something funny about it. He's really Brown doesn't want to be helped. She's not the kind that depends on her stripe. He doesn't want her for social position. He seems to have established himself socially to the queen's taste. It must be her money. I find no evidence that he is in debt. He has the account at First bank. He has a house below 227th, though he spends several times that in a year. Martha

all his deposits in cash. Funny thing, they're mostly in small coins. "Your mention of useless and irrelevant observations only makes one thing stick in my mind more strongly in my mind than ever before, and that is the life of me. I can't see that it has the slightest importance. Brown's troubled with some sort of elation in his right leg. I've often noticed him when he comes into the club in the early evening. Gives him a doubled limb, and apparently a good deal of pain. The queer part about it is that it always disappears as the evening wears on. It must be a day-time affliction, for I don't know where the fellow can spend his days unless in bed. I've never seen him about town in the daytime, and I can't find anybody he knows who has."

"Well, you can fit these threads into the into any theory that you like. An old wife you're a smarter man than I think you are, Harvey."

"Thanks for the compliment, Bob," said Hunt dryly. "Yes, I can work a theory out of those facts. So could you, except that you're making the mistake of regarding them as irrelevant. They're not. It's a wild theory, but I'll admit, and I don't guarantee its accuracy. But you can easily have the fellow followed and so prove or disprove it."

Making More Money

Down—But Not Out. Six years ago E. Howard Kelly, of Philadelphia, did not have a cent to his name, but physicians agreed that the fact he had an acute attack of Bright's disease made it impossible for him to live more than six months.

Convinced with a porter's job at \$5 a week, he next secured a position in connection with a sporting establishment which paid \$14 weekly barely enough to keep his wife and two children in the necessities of life. An opportunity as a salesman for a large cracker company then presented itself. Kelly by his own efforts had secured a position in the district which he had overcome the tendencies which served to handicap him during the first twelve years. As a cracker salesman Kelly earned \$18 a week and, from this he stepped to a position as sales manager for an automobile concern where he established a record of selling, on an average, one car a day for an entire year.

Only three years after every one had agreed that he was "down and out," Kelly had accumulated enough money to start a shoe-repairing company, which now operates six stores in Philadelphia, Illinois, Ohio, Missouri and Kentucky, and which owns its own \$20,000 home.

Woman in Camden Education Board

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Adventures With a Purse

WHEN first I saw them hanging on the red velvet stands I thought they were strings of tiny pearl beads—so small that they might be the little seed pearls. And they looked so pretty I stopped over to examine them. And then when I got closer to them I found that instead of being pearl beads they were tiny round silver beads. But here is what makes these beads even more unusual. They hang in loops. As an example, one string consists of, first, a chain, short or necker length, and from a longer one about three-quarter length. Another string has three lengths. In other words, these strings of tiny beads look like a long chain looped several times. Does this make any description clear? At any rate, if you stop to see them, I think you will buy one, for they have a certain delicate beauty with a black velvet dress, for example, that will intrigue you. The two-looped chains are \$1, and those with three loops are \$1.25.

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DREAMLAND ADVENTURES

Judge Owl's Bawler By DADDY CHAPTER II Blue Jay Shows Off

JUDGE OWL had proved that he was not the night prowler who was creeping into the hen house and sucking the newly laid eggs. He had proved it by showing Mr. Strong that he couldn't possibly get through the small hole by which the thief had crept into the chicken pen.

"Well, that big-eyed old owl isn't the egg-sucker," one of his bird friends said to the judge. "It's a wild theory, but I'll admit, and I don't guarantee its accuracy. But you can easily have the fellow followed and so prove or disprove it."

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roasts in the barn, for the sun had set and dusk was falling. "I don't believe Blue Jay or Junco Sparrow would suck eggs," said Percy. "Whoa! Whoa! None of them is the night prowler," booted Judge Owl very positively. "Chee! Chee! Hello everybody," screamed Blue Jay, alighting on top of the hen house. "Those birds look small enough to get through that little hole in the door," replied Mr. Strong. "They could go where Judge Owl couldn't."

"There, you see! They are the night prowlers! They have come back to suck more eggs," he whispered to Mr. Strong, pointing at the three birds. "Those birds look small enough to get through that little hole in the door," replied Mr. Strong. "They could go where Judge Owl couldn't."

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"Chee! Chee! We can do that, too," shrieked Percy Sparrow and Junco Sparrow. "Whoa! Whoa! You're poking your nose into danger," booted Judge Owl. "Both Blue Jay and Junco Sparrow thought they were very smart birds—much smarter than sober old Judge Owl—they, too, squeezed and shoved until they got their fat little bodies through the hole in the door."

"There! I told you the friends of that old owl were the egg-suckers," cried Harry Harry, and he began to finger his gun as if anxious to shoot. "Yes, we have caught them in the act," agreed Mr. Strong. "Percy and Billy told Mr. Strong he was mistaken—that Blue Jay, Percy Sparrow and Junco Sparrow were just trying to show how smart they were. 'Why are they going into that hole, if they are not after eggs?' argued Mr. Strong. 'They have no business in the hen house. They have gone there because they are up to mischief.' Percy and Billy argued and argued, but Mr. Strong declared that Blue Jay, Percy Sparrow and Junco Sparrow had proved themselves guilty."

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What do you think Judge Owl's idea is? How would you prove that Blue Jay, Percy Sparrow and Junco Sparrow were not night-prowling egg-suckers?

SUMMER FROCKS

One goes south during the season for two reasons, diversion and dress, which may be one and the same thing, according to the temperament of the sojourner. If, perchance, health is the excuse for leaving the northern fire-side, then dress and diversion are a part of the remedial course. So the whole matter hinges on clothes, anyway.

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elated with bodies of a contrary color, and it makes entire frocks in the most amazingly simple effects that are so difficult of achievement by the amateur dressmaker. Perhaps for that very reason they will have a prestige easily built up at first but hard to maintain when a vogue is too quickly commo-

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